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MAJORITY LEADER JOHNSON

Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, who has said he is not a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1960, is rapidly assuming the role of an aggressive, influential leader of the upper Legislative body. It is accurate to say that Johnson's first statements in the opening days of the second session of the 85th Congress have impressed both Republicans and Democrats.

Some of his former critics say he will be more influential, and that he is more relaxed and calmly deliberative since he has taken himself out of the presidential derby than he was prior to 1957.

There are also those who believe that Johnson has not taken himself irretrievably out of the political picture. They believe that Johnson might yet be drafted — in the event of a deadlock at the 1960 Democratic convention, or even before such deadlock develops.

Whether this is true, or whether it is true that Johnson has taken himself finally and irrecrievably out of the presidential picture, the ability he has demonstrated as a majority leader, and his knack for getting things done with a minimum of friction, has been impressive. It is accurate to say that his influence has increased each year in Washington. Other potential Democratic candidates, like Senator Jack Kennedy, of Massachusetts; Senator Stuart Symington, of Missouri; Senator Frank Lausbe, of Ohio, and perhaps Adlai Stevenson, may have a power to reckon with at the Democratic convention two years from this summer. We are not counting Johnson out of the presidential pietdre.

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THE BUSINESS HOPE

The latest gleam of hope for business men is the increased extent of government spending now in prospect. The President's message to Congress makes it apparent that a billion dollars or more to be requested in supplemental defense appropriations will not reduce the added amount of money asked for defense for the fiscal year 1959.

In other words, the Administration is asking for a sizable increase in the current budget (the 1958 fiscal budget) as well as added billions in next year's budget. So the increase in defense monies requested is more than would appear from a study of the newly-proposed budget.

Of course, the new budget is not presented in detail. But it is clear that a spurt in defense spending, a sizable one, if coupled with a boost in building and pay increases for members of the armed services and civil service workers, might take the steam out of the current recession earlier than had been anticipated.

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THE RED SUB THREAT

The reason Americans are reading so much about the the submarine being the weapon of the future is that this military probability is already being exploited to the fullest by our most dangerous potential enemy, Soviet Russia.

The latest intelligence estimate on the number of USSR submarines available to the Soviets is much higher than the 350 or 400 unit estimates which we have heard in recent years, and some appraisals place the figure over 550 submersibles.

But the number of Russian submarines in existence is not any more important than the report that the Red Navy hopes to have subs capable of firing missiles from underwater for distances of more than 1,500 miles. This means that all the United States could soon be in danger of attack from rocket-firing submarines lying off the Atlantic, Gulf or Pacific coasts. This prospect—and the Reds are expected to have these long-range rocket-firing subs in the not-too-distant future—alarms those who have heretofore assumed that the primary missile danger being encountered was that from Russian-based ICBM's.

This explains, to a large degree, the importance attached to the recent launching of an atomic sub-killer submarine by the U. S. Navy. It is widely believed, among many top naval officers in this country, that the warship of the future is the submarine. This prospect explains proposals in Congress in recent days for the construction of many more U. S. submarines, and a greater concentration on sub-killing types.

It is yet another indication of the ominous degree to which the United States has fallen behind the Russians in the armaments race. In addition to a crash program in the missiles field, the U. S. must institute a crash program in the submarine construction program. No lesser effort will discharge the government's responsibility to the American people.

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When you see a young man busy attending to his own business, you may be sure that he will one day be an old man with some business to attend to.

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A wise guy declares that while the dollar may not go as far as it used to, what it lacks in distance, it makes up in speed.

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Anybody who has something to say can make a speech, but not everybody who makes a speech has something to say.

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Whenever an individual disagrees with you, he is either smarter than you, in which he should have your respect, or he is dumber, in which case he should have your sympathy.

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POLITICAL STANDING

The political breakdown in Congress is: Senate 50 Democrats, 46 Republicans (death of Senator Neely of W. Va. reduces Democratic total to 49); House of Representatives: 231 Democrats, 199 Republicans and five vacancies, four in Democratic districts and one in a Republican district.

TRAVEL NOTE

The foreign travels of congressional committee members cost $291,248.02 in foreign currencies alone during the past fiscal year. This total does not include the American dollar expenditures made from appropriations to the committes for travel.

FEED-PRICE DROPS

Recent declines in prices of grains and other live-stock feeds are allowing producers of milk to get somewhat higher returns. The Agriculture Department says the ratio between prices of feed and milk is much more favorable than average.

FUNDS LACK HURTS ICBM

The intercontinental ballistic missile program is still handicapped by inadequate funds and no decision has yet been made in the Pentagon to expedite this all - important project.

SPACE TRAVEL

State Department sources have suggested that the rumors of a manned Soviet missile flight might have been prompted by a fictitious broadcast on a Moscow radio. They say the effect of the program could have been similar to the hysteria that gripped some United States cities twenty years ago following Orson Welles' broadcast of a science fiction play about a Martian invasion. The Soviet home service broadcast, plainly labeled as fiction, was monitored by a United States Government listening post.

U. S. AND TRADE FAIRS

The United States plans to participate in twenty international trade fairs in 1958, the Department of Commerce announced.

MARCH OF DIMES

"If we did not have a single new case of polio in 1958, the March of Dimes still would have to raise at least $18,000,000 for patient-aid alone," declared Basil O'Connor, president, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, in announcing the goal for the 1958 March of Dimes.

WOOL IMPORTS

The Office of Defense Mobilization has rejected claims of woolen textile producers that imports of woolen fabrics should be curbed as a "threat to national security."

"RIGHT-TO-WORK" LAW

Senator Barry Goldwater has announced that he will introduce a bill to outlaw compulsory membership in labor unions. In effect, it would propose a national "right-to-work" law. The bill would prohibit any labor contract from making membership in a union a requirement to hold a job.

RENO DIVORCES INCREASE

Reno, Nev.- Reno had more divorce business last year than in 1956, but fewer marriages.

Divorce decrees were granted to 5,468 people last year, 48 more than in 1956. Marriage licenses numbered 19,700 in 1957, compared with 20,196 the previous year.

BEATEN FOR PRAYING

Yokosuka, Japan.- An 18-old American sailor has accused Marine guard of beating him saying a prayer in the brig at Sasebo Naval Base.

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...Week-end visitors in the home of ...H. T. Terry were Mr. and Mrs. ...T. Wingfield and Miss Ann Ter... of Richmond.

...Mr. Walker Paulett, of Farm... is visited in the home of his ...ther and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Paulett.

Mr. and Mrs. John Buscemi and children, of Richmond were week-end guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Canada.

Mrs. E. F. Davis visited relatives at Farmville and Worsham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carson, of Appomattox visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Embry Davis Saturday.

Eugene Eaton, of Philipsburg, Pa., recently visited his mother, Mrs. Ruth Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Spencer and children, of Buckingham visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Fitzgerald Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Davis and daughter, Kathy spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wayne, of Phenix.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gilliam and children visited relatives at Lynchburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yeatts and children, of Farmville were week-end visitors in the home of her father, Mr. Tom Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson were week-end visitors in the home of Mrs. Ruth Eaton.

F. B. Fitzgerald, Jr. and Eldridge visited their parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tignor, of Newport News were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Junius Davis.

K. L. McClenny, of Farmville, visited relatives here Sunday.

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Evergreen, Jan. 21.- Rev. Robert Harris spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris.

Several from here attended the B. T. U. group meeting at Calvary Church Friday night at Concord.

Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham has returned home from the hospital much improved.

The Willing Workers Circle met in the home of Mrs. Kenneth St John Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples visited Mrs. Sam White and family Friday in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Lucie Staples was on the sick list part of last week. Mrs. Christine Ranson substituted teaching school for her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and Mrs. Z. V. Harvey visited the sick Sunday P. M. in several homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Harvey of Richmond spent the week-end with her father, Mr. A. A. LeGrand and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples and daughter, Barbara Kay, and Mrs. O. C. Paulette visited Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette Sunday P. M.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Henderson and family and Mrs. Rachel McFadden and family motored to the Peaks of Otter Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Paulette and children and her mother-inlaw, Mrs. Paulette visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett at Phenix Sunday, P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson and boys, of Washington, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

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Oakville

Oakville, Jan. 21.- We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Tom Page. He lived in Oakville before moving to Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lewis and daughter, Mrs. Harold Stratton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis in Lynchburg Saturday.

Rev. Aaron Smith preached a wonderful sermon Sunday morning at Mt. Comfort Church, and taught a mission book on "The Near East" Sunday night at Trinity Church, with good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Moore visited their son-in-law and daughter in Lynchburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Barcher and sons, of Florida, were called home last week on account of his father's death. Those attending the funeral from Oakville were Mr and Mrs. Louis Moore and son, Louis Walker, and Mrs. Clarke Moore. The burial was in Scottsville.

Mrs. Jessie Campbell spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moore.

"FARM FOLKS LOOK AT YEAR'S WORK

A number of farm families in Appomattox and Campbell Counties are taking a second look at their farm and home records, getting ready to analyze the past year's operations and work out plans for the coming year, Reese O. McCormick, Jr., County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration, reported this week.

He explained that help with the year-end analysis as a basis for next year's planning is part of the farm management help that goes with most Farmers Home Administration loans. Farm families using the agency's credit develop long-time farm and home plans when they apply for loans to buy, enlarge, or operate their farms, or make certain adjustments and improvements. Then at the beginning of each year's operations they make annual plans based on what they intend to accomplish during the year.

The County Supervisor supplies each family with a simple farm and home record book as part of the farm management aid. When necessary, he shows the family how to keep track of income, costs, results of specific operations, debt payments, and other items that are parts of the business of farming.

At the end of the farming year, the farmer and his wife find out how their farming operations matched up with the plans they had made. To help do this they set a definite date to meet with the Farmers Home Administration County Supervisor, and go over their farm and home plans and their filled-in record book.

Mr. McCormick said that approximately 47 families in Campbell and Appomattox Counties will take part in the year-end review of operations.

BROOKGREEN GARDENS

Myrtle Beach, S. C.- Brookgreen Gardens, with its unique combination of an Old South plantation setting and the world's largest outdoor collection of American statuary, offers year-round pleasures to vacationers who visit this coastal area of South Carolina.

Located 15 miles south of Myrtle Beach on the Ocean Hiway (U. S. Route 17), Brookgreen Gardens is open daily except Monday from 9:00 A. M. to 5:30 P. M. There is no admission charge.

The famed tourist attraction abounds with moss-laden oak trees, 300 units of American statuary and sculpture, a well-equipped picnic area and a large zoo.

Guarding the entrance to Brookgreen Gardens on the west side of Ocean Hiway are the giant "Fighting Stallions", a famous statue sculptured by Mrs. Anna Hyatt Huntington, wife of the late Archer M. Huntington, who developed the plantation and made its attractions available to the public.

The works of more than 150 sculptors cover the grounds in exotic and natural settings. Some of the well-known artists represented are Augustus Saint Gaudens, Daniel Chester French, Paul Manship, Malvinna Hoffman, Wheeler Williams, Sidney Waugh, and Mrs. Huntington.

F. G. Tarbox, Jr., manager and resident horticulturist, has spent the past 27 years developing the floral beauty of Brookgreen Gardens. Every plant is native to this section of the country.

Rich in history, the original Brookgreen Plantation dates back to more than 200 years ago, when John Allston planted the majestic "Live Oak Walk." The moss-hung trees are believed to be the oldest cultivated live oaks in North America.

The name "Allston" was prominently identified among the many fabulous plantations that spread over Virginia and the Carolinas in the year 1759. Almost 20 Allston rice plantations were located in the South Carolina Lowecountry. Lord Cornwallis, George Washington, Francis Marion and many other prominent visitors came to the original Brookgreen plantations.

Mr. and Mrs. Huntington purchased Brookgreen Plantation in 1930 and subsequently obtained the adjoining Oaks, Laurel Hill and Springfield plantations.

In 1935, the Huntingtons decided to donate their property to the people of South Carolina. Brookgreen Gardens was incorpated and placed in the hands of a self-perpetuating board of trustees to manage it for the State of South Carolina.

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